

direct that the parties file briefs at different times rather than at the same time.

(b) *Effect of failure to restate objections in briefs.* In determining the merits of an appeal, the DOT decisionmaker will not consider the exceptions or the petition for discretionary review but will consider only the brief. Each objection contained in the exceptions or each issue specified in the DOT decisionmaker's order exercising discretionary review must be restated and supported by a statement and adequate discussion of all matters relied upon, in a brief filed pursuant to and in compliance with the requirements of this section.

(c) *Formal specifications of briefs—(1) Contents.* Each brief shall discuss every point of law, fact or precedent which the party submitting it is entitled to raise and which it wishes the DOT decisionmaker to consider. Each brief shall include a summary of the argument not to exceed 5 pages. Support and justification for every point raised shall include itemized references to the pages of the transcript of hearing, exhibit or other matter of record, and citations of the statutes, regulations or principal authorities relied upon. If a brief or any point discussed in the brief is not in substantial conformity with the requirement for such support and justification, no motion to strike or dismiss such document shall be made but the DOT decisionmaker may disregard the points involved.

(2) *Incorporation by reference.* Briefs to the DOT decisionmaker shall be completely self-contained and shall not incorporate by reference any portion of any other brief or pleading: *Provided, however,* That instead of submitting a brief to the DOT decisionmaker a party may adopt by reference specifically identified pages or the whole of his or her prior brief to the administrative law judge if the latter complies with all requirements of this section. In such cases, the party shall file with the Documentary Services Division a letter exercising this privilege and serve all parties in the same manner as a brief to the DOT decisionmaker.

(3) *Length and index.* Briefs shall comply with the formal specifications set forth in § 302.3(b). Except by permission

or direction of the DOT decisionmaker, briefs shall not exceed 50 pages including pages contained in any appendix, table, chart, or other document physically attached to the brief, but excluding maps and the summary of the argument. In this case "map" means only those pictorial representations of routes, flight paths, mileage, and similar ancillary data that are superimposed on geographic drawings and contain only such text as is needed to explain the pictorial representation. Any brief that exceeds 10 pages shall contain a subject index of its contents, including page references.

#### **§ 302.32 Oral argument before the DOT decisionmaker.**

(a) If any party desires to argue a case orally before the DOT decisionmaker, he shall request leave to make such argument in his exceptions or brief. Such request shall be filed no later than the date when briefs before the DOT decisionmaker are due in the proceeding. The DOT decisionmaker will rule on such request, and if oral argument is to be allowed, all parties to the proceeding will be advised of the date and hour set for such argument and the amount of time allowed to each party. Requests for oral argument on petitions for discretionary review will not be entertained.

(b) Pamphlets, charts, and other written data may be presented to the DOT decisionmaker at oral argument only in accordance with the following rules: All such material shall be limited to facts in the record of the case being argued. All such material shall be served on all parties to the proceeding and eight copies transmitted to the Documentary Services Division at least five (5) calendar days in advance of the argument. As used herein "material" includes, but is not limited to, maps, charts included in briefs, and exhibits which are enlarged and used for demonstration purposes at the argument, but does not include the enlargements of such exhibits.

#### **§ 302.33 Waiver of procedural steps after hearing.**

The parties of any proceeding may agree to waive any one or more of the following procedural steps provided in